

Newsbriefs

Local

Mid-South Fair contests

The search is on for a young lady to become the 2000 Mid-South Fair Rodeo Queen. The contest is held during the Mid-South Fair Rodeo at the Coliseum, Friday, Sept. 22, and Saturday, Sept. 23. Applications are open to ladies ages 17-24 as of Sept. 1, 2000. Applicants are also being sought for Miss Mid-South Fair and Miss Youth Personality. Ladies 18-24 years old as of Sept. 1, 2000, have until Aug. 21 to apply for the final contest Sept. 23. Over \$4,000 in education scholarships and prizes will be awarded. Applicants for Miss Youth Personality, 14-17 years old, have until Aug. 14 to sign up. For more information call director of Special Events Verna Jones at 274-8800.

On base

All Hands pool rules

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department will now allow DoD dependents to use the All Hands Pool without their sponsor being present. All DoD dependents age 18 or older are allowed to bring their immediate families, plus two guests, at a \$2 fee. Ages 10-18 are permitted to use the pool without supervision provided that the child passes a swim test and has a card with a parental/guardian signature on file at the All Hands Pool.

Lap swimming

Pool space and time scheduling is critical for the success of MWR's extensive aquatics program. Therefore, pool time and space has been established for military-only lap swimming from 6-8:30 a.m. Tuesday-Friday, and for military, DoD employee and military family member (age 18 and older) lap swimming from noon-1:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. If lap swimming is not your aqua fitness program of choice, join the water aerobics program from 11 a.m.-noon or 5:30-5:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

NEXCARD interest rates

As of June 6, the Navy Exchange Service Command raised the interest rate on the NEXCARD from 13.75 to 14.25 percent. The increase follows the announcement of the Federal Reserve raising the Federal Funds rate by 0.5 percent.

NEX catalogues in Europe

Customers in Europe, Keflavik, Iceland and the ship store in Bahrain can now shop the NEX for purchase of items marked "Delivery to CONUS addresses only" in the NEX Mail Order Catalogue. Patrons can place orders for many items via the toll-free numbers and pay in full. Merchandise will be delivered to your Navy Exchange within three to four weeks. The catalogue can be purchased at the Navy Exchange.

Branch Medical Change of Charge

The Branch Medical Clinic will have its change of charge ceremony at 2 p.m. today at the Helmsman Club Millington Room.

First Class Petty Officers' Association meeting

The First Class Petty Officers' Association will hold its next meeting July 12, 3 p.m., in the White Hat Lounge at the Club Complex. All first class petty officers are invited.

Thrift Shop open Saturday

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift Shop will be open Saturday, July 8 in lieu of the July 4 weekend. The shop will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Thrift Shop is located in building S-239.

Vet Clinic closings

The U.S. Army Veterinary Treatment Facility will be closed the following dates for inventory, training and holidays: June 29-July 4, and July 7. The clinic's normal hours for purchases and information are Monday-Friday, 8-11 a.m., and 12:30-3 p.m. (phone 874-5420). The clinic operates by appointment for vaccinations and sick call. No children under 12 are allowed in the clinic for safety and health reasons.

Commissary holiday schedule

The Commissary is normally closed on Mondays, but will be open Monday, July 3 due to the holiday closing on Tuesday, July 4. For further questions, call Shirley Lewis at 874-5125, ext. 3103.

Series EE Savings Bond rates set

The Bureau of the Public Debt has announced the rate for Series EE savings bonds issued on or after May 1, 1997.

The 5.73 percent Series EE savings bond rate is in effect for bonds issued on or after May 1, 1997, that enter semi-annual earnings periods from May through October 2000. The rate is 90 percent of the average five-year Treasury securities yields for the preceding six months. A new interest rate is announced effective each May 1 and Nov. 1. A three-month interest penalty is applied to these bonds if redeemed before five years. The Series EE bonds on sale now increase in value monthly. The bond's interest rate is compounded semiannually.

Series EE bonds before 1997

The 5.41 percent Long-Term Series EE savings bond rate is in effect for bonds issued from May 1995 through October 1995 as they enter semi-annual earnings periods from May 2000 through October 2000. The 5.15 percent Short-Term Series EE savings bond rate is in effect for bonds issued from November 1995 through April 1997 for bonds that

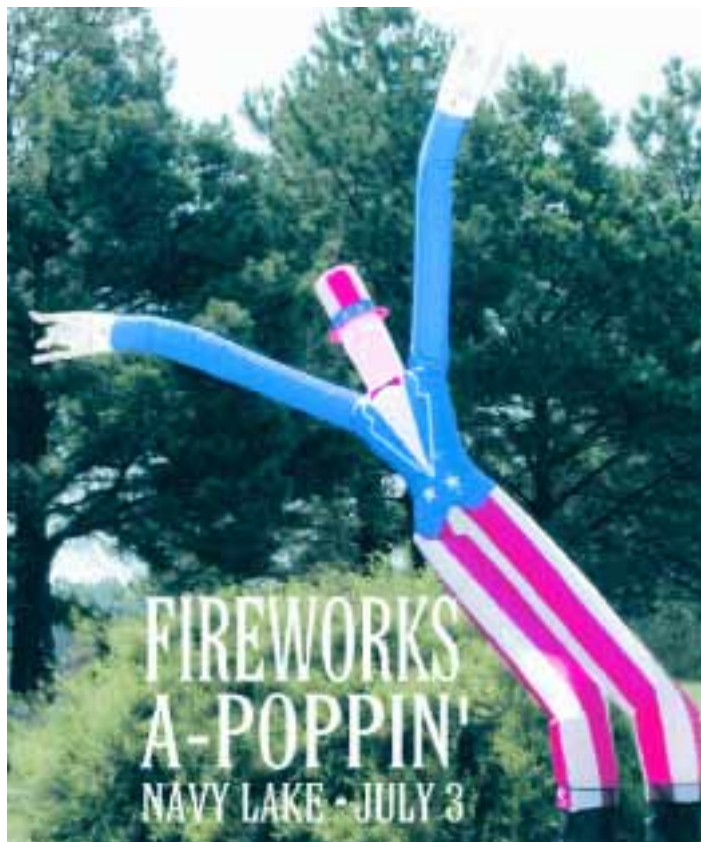
enter semi-annual earnings periods from May through October 2000.

Matured Series E

Series E savings bonds and Savings Notes continue to reach final maturity and stop earning interest. Bonds issued from May 1941 through April 1960 along with those issued from December 1965 through April 1970 have stopped earning interest. Savings Notes, issued from May 1967 through April 1970, have stopped earning interest.

More information

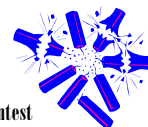
Information about savings bonds is available at Public Debt's website at www.savingsbond.gov. Check out the new Savings Bond Calculator to see how easy it is to find out what your bonds are worth, what they're earning, and even keep track of them. Or, download the free Savings Bond Wizard to keep track of your savings bond portfolio. An Earnings Report, which contains rate and yield information for bonds, is available by mail. Send a postcard asking for "Earnings Report" to Bureau of the Public Debt, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, W. Va., 26106-1328.



FLAG CITY FREEDOM CELEBRATION 2000 INDEPENDENCE DAY SPECTACULAR

Monday, July 3, 2000

At Navy Lake



Family Activities—Watermelon Eating Contest

Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest—Three & Eight Legged Race

Washer Toss—Egg Toss—Egg Race—Children's Face Painting—Create A Card

MCHS Jazz Band and the Millington Sensations

Patriotic Concert by Navy Band Mid-South

SPECIAL PERFORMANCES BY:

NATTC Pensacola's Flying Rifles—Cracker Jack Marching Unit
and Navy Aviation's Vocal Team—Fireworks Display

ACTIVITIES BEGIN AT 5 P.M.

5-5:45 p.m.

MCHS Jazz Band
MCHS Show Choir "The Millington Sensations"

6:45-7 p.m.

Mini Parade
Navy Band Mid-South
Cracker Jacks Color Guard
Cracker Jacks Marching Unit
Flying Rifles Drill Team
Veterans
Others

7-7:20 p.m.

Presentation of Colors
Remarks by Captain Lofink
Remarks by Mayor Harvell

7:30-8:20 p.m.

Performances by Navy Aviation's Vocal Team and
The Flying Rifles

8:30-9:30 p.m.

Patriotic Concert by Navy Band Mid-South

9:30 p.m.

Fireworks Display

9:50 p.m.

Additional music by Navy Band Mid-South



Take your picnic basket, blankets and lawn chairs!

but remember this is a family event...

no pets, no fireworks, no open fires, no grills or soliciting allowed

For more information call 874-5555/5507

Commentary

Captain's log

There is nothing more purely American than the 4th of July, the ultimate rite of summer! It conjures up images of parades of flags and marching bands, backyard picnics and spectacular fireworks displays synchronized to the sounds of John Philip Sousa marches.

In more reflective moments, we think about the wisdom of our founding fathers: Washington, Jefferson, Adams, Franklin and the others, who dared to break from England's rule at great personal risk. I often wonder what the odds were that such a group of exceptional leaders and visionaries could come together at a single point in history, and change the world. What are the chances that such a group could ever come together again?

There is no doubt in my mind that our nation has been uniquely blessed and charged to be a beacon of hope, a model of democracy, and a force of goodness in this world. With these blessings comes an even greater responsibility to safeguard those freedoms for ourselves and generations to come.

If you want to observe this year's Independence Day in an unforgettable way, I hope you are planning to attend the first Navy/City of Millington co-sponsored celebration at Navy Lakes on Monday evening, July 3, starting at 5 p.m. **Nowhere in the Mid-South will you be able to enjoy the variety and quality of entertainment, food, and fireworks as the Navy/City team has arranged for the Navy Mid-South/Millington citizens! I think you'll agree, Navy Lakes is the**

place to be on July 3!

The program offerings include the Millington Central High School Jazz Band performing from 5-5:45 p.m., and the very talented MCHS Choir, the "Millington Sensations," following at 6 p.m. At approximately 6:45 p.m., there will be a parade from the Navy Lakes RV Park to the stage area, featuring our fabulous Navy Band Mid-South, Color Guard, the Navy's Flying Rifles and Cracker Jack precision drill teams (a much-beloved former asset of Naval Air Station Memphis returning to the Mid-South for the first time since NATTC's realignment to Pensacola), our distinguished veteran's groups, and others.

Presentation of colors will take place at 7 p.m. followed by welcoming remarks from Mayor George Harvell and me. Next, the Naval Aviation Vocal Team will perform, followed by the Flying Rifles. Activities ongoing throughout the evening include: food and beverage vendors, games and contests for all ages, such as watermelon eating; watermelon seed-spitting, three-legged race; eight-legged race; Washer Toss; Egg Toss; Egg Race, and pony rides. Crafts for children include face painting; Create-A-Card (judged at 8 p.m.) and general crafts for younger children. Most children's activities start at 5 p.m. and end at 8 p.m.

You are welcome to pack a picnic lunch and bring a blanket and/or chairs to sit on. KIX 106 FM radio will be on site as well. The Navy Band will perform just prior to the fireworks display at 9:30 p.m. There isn't anything that this cre-



Captain Diane L.H. Lofink

ative and enthusiastic Navy/Millington Planning Team hasn't thought of!

General parking will be directed to Patrol Road off Bethuel (the back entrance to Navy Road); however, there will be plenty of signs and traffic control personnel on duty to answer questions and assist. Transportation will be provided to assist in moving the elderly and physically challenged, as well as to move people from the more remote parking areas to the celebration site. Special parking has been set aside for buses. Parking areas will be lighted following the fireworks for our visitors' safety.

As you can imagine, an event of this scope and caliber takes a great deal of advance planning and energy. My special thanks to Ms. Debbie Mullins of the City of Millington and Bob Taylor of Navy Mid-South's MWR Department for their incredible dedication, creativity, and resourcefulness for making this millennium Independence Day one that you, or your children, will remember forever!

Chaplain's corner

Boyhood lessons

By Chaplain (Lt. Cmdr.) Michael Wright, USNR

It is no secret to those who know me that my roots are firmly planted in the rich black soil of rural Iowa. Recently, I returned to my boyhood home in Iowa to do some work on the house that I grew up in—a home that my parents built with their own hands on what was once a wheat field.

It had been awhile since I had been back to Iowa. The trip to my home was a refreshing time. It was a time to reflect on where life had taken me in the 25 years since I had left home to join the Navy. I was eager to leave Iowa as a young man to see the world.

Frankly, I was running away from what then seemed to be a very difficult way to make a living: farming. I felt Iowa had nothing to offer me. I was embarrassed by the simple ways of country folks whose lives revolved around a perpetual cycle of cultivating, plowing, planting, harvesting and caring for livestock.

My recent trip home gave me a fresh perspective of the life I left behind 25 years ago. As I connected with family friends—those same country folks who seemed so uncivilized to me when I was a teen—I realized that who and what I am today is a product of my experiences in that rural setting. I truly understand the truth found in the statement, "You can take the boy out of Iowa (the country), but you can never take Iowa (the country) out of the boy."

My leave was over and I left Iowa to return to my duties and responsibilities here at Naval Support Activ-

ity with a deeper appreciation for the valuable lessons I had gained growing up.

I now recognize that my faith and deep appreciation for God's sovereignty and grace was not so much developed from my formal religious training. The real foundation for my belief and understanding of God was established in the rural life and setting I once tried to run from. Within the context of those perpetual cycles of earning a livelihood from the earth, there is found these lessons: a deep appreciation for the gift of life, the value of honest work, the dependence upon God's providence to bless the labor, the strength found in the shared values of a community and a reliance upon God to meet every need. There is a simplicity of life in my boyhood home that is refreshing—where the focus is not so much on emails, computers, answering machines, fax machines or cable TV, but on the value of family and friends.

I am reminded of the truth of Scripture found in Psalm 104:14, "He (God) causes the grass to grow for the cattle and vegetation for the labor of man, so that he may bring forth food from the earth." I am thankful for my boyhood experiences and the lessons they taught me, for those lessons pointed me to God, the creator and sustainer of life. Those lessons have guided me in my service to God and our nation to this day. Sometimes we need to go home to be reminded of who we are and what God calls us to be.

Your TRICARE Benefits



By Dottie Plant
TRICARE Health Benefits Advisor
Branch Medical Clinic

The Continued Health Care Benefits Program, or CHCBP, was implemented as a result of the National Defense Authorization Act of 1993. This program provides temporary health benefits coverage to qualified beneficiaries. CHCBP is not part of TRICARE, but it follows the rules and regulations of the TRICARE Standard program. CHCBP also covers all pre-existing conditions.

Eligibility for CHCBP is open to those who are discharged from active duty under other than adverse conditions. The active duty member must have also been entitled to medical and dental care under the military health care system and cannot still be covered under TRICARE or TAMP. Dependents of former members may also elect coverage under this program as well as unremarried former spouses who are not eligible for TRICARE benefits.

What is CHCBP?

CHCBP coverage can be for a period of up to 18 months; however, unremarried dependent children can elect coverage for up to 36 months. Beneficiaries have 60 days to enroll in CHCBP and their coverage begins the day after their entitlement to a military health care plan ends.

Premiums are applied for two different categories. Individual coverage per quarter is \$933, while family coverage is \$1,996.

For additional information or enrollment applications, you may contact: CHCBP Administrator, P.O. Box 1608, Rockville, MD 20849-1608, or call 1-800-809-6119.

The on-base health benefits advisors are located in the Branch Medical Clinic, building S-771. You may contact them with any TRICARE questions or concerns at 874-6111, 6112/6107, or toll-free by calling 1-877-209-8169. You may also contact them via e-mail at tricarebmc@mlh10.med.navy.mil.

July-September LINK and Perspective online

By Lt. (jg) Eric Petersen
NPC Public Affairs

Updated career information for both enlisted personnel and officers is now available online. The new July-September issues of *LINK* and *Perspective* magazines are available on the BUPERS/Naval Personnel Command web site: <http://www.bupers.navy.mil/periodicals>, and will soon be delivered to the fleet.

Both magazines focus on a challenge that affects everything we do in the Navy—retention. Education programs,

pay raises, bonus programs, as well as the prospect of an exciting and challenging career are all topics of discussion in the detailers' columns.

For more information about *LINK*, contact JCC(SW)AW, Michael Morley at DSN 882-4136, or commercial at (901) 874-4136. For information about *Perspective*, contact Lt. (jg) Eric Petersen at DSN 882-4135, commercial (901) 874-4135.

Both magazines can be found under the "News Stand" button on the BUPERS/Naval Personnel Command web site at <http://www.bupers.navy.mil/periodicals>.

The 'forgotten war'--Korea--finally gets due memorial



Sgt. Chris U. Pomeroy, USAF
Soldiers come out of the woods into an opening while on foot patrol. The statues are part of the Korean War Memorial to be dedicated July 27 in Washington, D.C.

By MSgt. Gary Pomeroy, USAF

The "forgotten war" will be remembered in an unforgettable way July 27 when the Korean War Veterans Memorial is dedicated on the west end of the National Mall in Washington.

The dedication will feature President Bill Clinton, Republic of Korea President Young Sam Kim and ambassadors or representatives from all 22 nations that supported the U.N. resolution opposing the Communist invasion of South Korea on June 5, 1950.

Set on 2.2 acres directly across the reflecting pool from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the new memorial is a dramatic, eerie, magnificent—though belated—tribute to the 1.5 million Americans who served in the war.

This includes 54,246 who died; 103,284 who were wounded; 7,140 prisoners of war; and 8,177 still listed as missing from the 37-month war.

The dominant element of the memorial is a column of 19 larger-than-life stainless steel statues of service members trudging up a hill toward an American flag that represents home. Each statue weighs about 1,000

pounds and all U.S. branches of military and ethnic groups who served in the war are depicted. The expressions on their faces—as they scope the surrounding area for snipers—mirror weariness and resolve.

Next to the American flag is a 30-foot-in-diameter black granite reflecting pool that pays homage to those who lost their lives and those who are still missing.

The memorial is anchored by a 164-foot-long and eight-inch-thick, highly polished dark granite wall that features more than 2,500 photographic archival images of all aspects of land, air and sea and support troops who fought the war.

The memorial, authorized by public law in 1986, cost roughly \$20 million and was paid for almost completely with donations from individuals and veterans' groups, celebrity fundraisers and South Korean citizens and companies.

All veterans, their families and friends are invited to attend the 3 p.m. ceremony. Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board officials estimate that number of attendees—coupled with the summer swell of tourists—could approach 500,000.

Ask the XO

Q. What would it take to get a wood hobby shop on base? I noticed that MWR auctioned off a whole bunch of woodworking equipment (table saws, band saws, etc.). I know there are several people interested in a wood hobby shop.

I know there's some real estate that appears to be empty. I don't know the full "ins and outs" of it, but I suspect you could get some volunteers to help put it together if the command has an interest in it.

A. The equipment auctioned June 23 was old and did not meet current base safety standards. The cost of constructing an approved facility with

appropriate ventilation would be very expensive.

However, if a majority of our patrons would like to have a wood hobby shop, we will place it on our future projects list. Previous surveys reflected that this was not a program in high demand. MWR plans on conducting another needs assessment in 2000/2001, and we will get an update of our current customer desires at that time.



Commander Eric H. Randall

Calling all Navy veterans...log into the Navy Log

If you're one of the estimated 5 million living Navy veterans, you're eligible to be listed in the Navy Log. The Navy Log has thus far collected the names, service information and photographs of over a quarter of a million service personnel.

To enroll in the Log, send \$25, along with your name, date and place of birth, dates of naval service, and highest rank or rate to U.S. Navy Memorial Founda-

tion, Dept. A, P.O. Box 96570, Washington, DC 20077-7655.

A head-and-shoulders portrait photo may be added for an additional \$25 (photos not returned). Sponsored enrollments are sought from relatives of deceased naval veterans. Enrollments make welcome gifts to veterans.

See the web site at www.lonesailor.org.

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These young graduates received their "diplomas" to advance on to kindergarten. The front row consists of

children in Child Development Homes. Those on the back two rows are Child Development Center graduates.

Uniform of the day at CDC: Mortar boards and gowns

Photos and story by Pam Branch

Recently friends and proud parents gathered at the Child Development Center playground to observe as youngsters took the next step toward maturity: a "graduation" exercise.

The first group was the three-year-olds that are advancing to the pre-kindergarten classrooms. After singing "America" and "The Alphabet Song," each child was awarded a certificate of participation.

The cameras were brought out in full force as the five-year-olds paraded to the stage in their royal blue caps and gowns. At the conclusion of their program, their names were read and each child presented a diploma.



These youngsters pledge allegiance to the flag as part of their program.

NAVPERS 'IAG' holds off final PERS-8A rally to capture base intramural softball championship

By Richard Hall

The Intramural Softball Tournament ended June 21 with Navy Personnel Command "IAG" ("It's All Good") holding off a furious rally by PERS-8A to win the base championship by a score of 13-12.

NAVPERS IAG and PERS-8A battled in an exciting match-up that saw home runs, double plays, solid field work on both sides, and a fantastic comeback that just fell short.

The first inning saw NAVPERS IAG draw first blood as they scored a run on a sacrifice flyout. They added to their lead in the third inning with four more runs. And after four innings, NAVPERS IAG had an 8-0 lead. PERS-8A was forced to play catch-up just to avoid the 10-run rule by the fifth inning. The PERS-8A squad staged a hitting spree, combined with some timely defense, that not only helped them to avoid the 10-run rule, but actually got them tied up 12-12 in the top of the seventh inning.

PERS-8A trailed 12-9 in the top of the seventh before rallying to tie the score. In the bottom of the seventh, NAVPERS IAG got some clutch hits and ultimately drove in the winning run.

The two teams took different paths to the championship game.

NAVPERS IAG reached the championship game by steamrolling through the winner's bracket. They went undefeated throughout the tournament. And after beating, oddly enough, the same PERS-8A team that they would face for the championship, they waited for the win-



Back row, left to right: Chuck Morrow, Dennis Alexander, Shawn Burns, Robert Watlins, Joe Kelly, Colonel Jordan, Billy Townsend, Robert Polk, Chuck Hicks. Front row: Curtis Beck, Marvin Lewis, Tom Kane, Ellis Ray, Tony Taranto, Ron Brooks.

ner from the loser's bracket.

PERS-8A was almost as tough throughout the tournament. After leading the NAVPERS IAG by a score of 18-8 in an earlier match-up, they were on the brink of sending the NAVPERS IAG team to the loser's bracket. Unfortunately, rain forced the game to be replayed before the 10-run rule went into effect. After replaying the game, they lost 11-1 and were sent to the loser's bracket.

They defeated CNRC to advance to the championship game.

The softball tournament was a double-elimination format, which meant that if PERS-8A had been able to pull the miracle rally off, they would have played

a final and deciding "if" game at 8 p.m., right after the 6:30 p.m. game ended.

The championship match-up was a great way to end an exciting tournament, with two teams going down to the wire to see which team would walk away with the Naval Support Activity Mid-South intramural softball championship.

The MWR intramural program and its staff would like to congratulate the NAVPERS IAG championship team, as well as the runner-up PERS-8A team, for showing great sportsmanship, teamwork, and showcasing an entertaining game that ended the tournament.

Thanks to all the other teams for their participation as well.

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Flores retirement

Ship's Serviceman First Class (Surface Warfare) Juan A. Flores (right), ship's serviceman (E-5 and below) detailee, retired May 30 during a ceremony in the Whitten Building. Commander David Ruedi, head, Administration/Deck/Supply Assignment Branch, presents Flores with his Fleet Reserve certificate.



FC2 Johnny King
Sailor of the Quarter



Danny Burlison
Civilian of the Quarter

PSD Memphis picks its best

Sailor

Fire Controlman Second Class Johnny King was recently selected as Sailor of the Quarter from Personnel Support Detachment Memphis while serving as travel clerk from Jan. 1 to March 31, 2000. King's diligent assistance in the operation of the Travel Section directly contributed to significant improvements in the timeliness and accuracy of claims processed. He personally processed over 300 TAD travel claims during the quarter and prepared over 500 completed vouchers for distribution on a weekly basis.

He also coordinated a recycling schedule with the base that efficiently and effectively eliminated outdated files and saved the detachment over 300 man-hours. King and his wife, Tammy reside in Millington.

Civilian

Danny Burlison was selected as Civilian of the Quarter from Personnel Support Detachment Memphis for superior performance of his duties from Jan. 1 to March 31, 2000. Burlison's dedicated work ethic significantly improved processing of pay entitlements and other documents for the command's customers. He is often looked to for answers in day-to-day operations within his team and by Pass Liaison representatives from geographically separated units. His meticulous attention to detail and knowledge of the Defense Joint Military Pay System enabled him to process over 250 documents with an accuracy rate of 97 percent. Burlison is assigned to the Military Pay Division of PSD. He and his wife, Joan and their children reside in Atoka, Tenn.



What's cooking?

Photos by Wayne Smith

A food vendor expo was held last week in the Bingo Hall of the Helmsman Club Complex. Vendors showed off their best wares and recipes, some of which may make an appearance at MWR Navy Mid-South eating facilities. Free samples from a wide variety of offerings, along with door prizes and games, filled the event.

Lazy Anchor Stables set up a campfire display (above) which included a life-sized replica of the "Duke," John Wayne. At right, a vendor prepares a tasty sample on the spot.



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Absentee voting deadlines will be coming up sooner than you think

NWS

Nov. 7, Election Day, is less than five months away. That may seem like a long time, but voting officials recommend absentee voters request ballots 45 days in advance, and even further in advance if they haven't yet registered to vote in their home district.

Hmmm... that window of opportunity is starting to narrow.

Officials with the Federal Voting Assistance Program have put a tremendous amount of information about absentee voting on the Internet at <http://www.fvap.ncr.gov>. Some specific links military voters may find helpful are below:

<http://www.fvap.ncr.gov/publications/howtoinfo.html>—This page consists of an electronic version of the useful pamphlet "How To Do It—Vote Absentee." The pamphlet answers such questions as: Can I vote absentee? How do I apply for an absentee ballot? When is the best time to apply? The pamphlet is also available

through unit and installation voting assistance offices.

For the online version of the Federal Post Card Application, go to <http://www.fvap.ncr.gov/othertools/onlinefpa.htm>. This recent addition to the site was added to make voting easier for those without immediate access to a voting assistance office. The only down side to using this version is individuals must pay their own postage. The printed, card-stock version can be sent postage-free.

For toll-free voting assistance numbers in foreign countries, go to <http://www.fvap.ncr.gov/tollfree2000.htm>. This page includes toll-free phone numbers to the Federal Voting Assistance Program from nearly 60 different countries. Department of Defense voters can also transfer to the DoD Voting Information Center, which, in turn, can transfer individuals to the office of their elected officials in the U.S. Congress, and their state governors and chief election officials.

NAVY COLLEGE OFFICE NEWS

Get ready for Summer II Registration

University of Memphis

On-base Schedule, July 11–Aug. 11

HIST 2602–U.S. History II

CLAS 2481–Mythology

For course information, call 873-0176 or visit the University of Memphis on-base office in building 241, room 102.

Regents College enrollment

The response to Regents College's enrollment reduction offer has been overwhelmingly positive since January, so it has been extended through June 30, 2000. Enroll in Regents College before June 30th and save \$100 on the initial enrollment fee. Regents College helps you put past credits, training, proficiency exams and more toward a respected degree. You may already be a sophomore... junior... or senior! Start now earning the degree you deserve. Call your Navy College advisor to see how close you are to earning your degree.

No matter where you live, no matter how busy you are, Regents College offers the flexibility you need to finish your college degree. Regents College offers 30 different degree programs at associate and baccalaureate levels in business, liberal arts, nursing, and technology and master's level degree programs in liberal studies and nursing.

Military Apprenticeship

The United States Military Apprenticeship Program has a new address: Chief of Naval Education and Training, USMAP ETE 531, 250 Dallas Street, Pensacola, FL 32508-5220

Information on the USMAP and accessibility to individual records is now available using the automated telephone system or on the Internet. Individuals may access this USMAP records through both systems and obtain certain forms from the USMAP Web Page.

(1) USMAP Website: www.cnet.navy.mil/nnap
(2) NETWORK: 1-800-NAV-ROTC (1-800-628-7682)

For additional information or assistance on the program, contact the Navy College Office at 874-5290.

Navy College Program

Military personnel are encouraged to visit or call the Navy College Office in building S-241 to get information on the Navy's newest Voluntary Education Opportunity, the NAVY COLLEGE PROGRAM. This program will allow every Sailor an opportunity to earn a college degree while in the Navy through a streamlined educational process that will maximize the amount of credit awarded for Navy training and experience toward rate-related degree programs. Participants in the program are not required to pursue degrees that coincide with their Navy rating. Visit the Navy College Program web site at www.navycollege.navy.mil.

SMART Transcript

The Sailor/Marine Corps American Council on Education Registry Transcript (SMART) is a computer-generated transcript which will automatically record the recommended college credit a Sailor earns for military training and work experience. The SMART transcript replaces the DD295 form (Request For Evaluation Of Educational Experiences During Military Service). Sailors can now obtain a copy of their individual unofficial SMART online on the Internet via the Navy College Center web site at www.navycollege.navy.mil. It has never been easier for Sailors to see what college credits they've earned through their Navy training. While the SMART is now available online, Sailors may still request copies from the Navy College Center or by visiting the local Navy College Office.

Hazardous waste courses are scheduled

Hazardous Waste Facility Operator's Course; Review Seminar

A Basic Hazardous Waste Facility Operator's Course has been scheduled for Aug. 28-30, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. each day, in building S-237, Naval Support Activity Mid-South Safety Training Room. A Review Seminar for the course is scheduled for Aug. 31, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in the same location.

The basic training is required for personnel who handle hazardous waste in a designated accumulation area at Naval Support Activity Mid-South, as specified in NAVSUPACTMIDSOUTHINST 5090.4. The basic class will teach designated hazardous waste coordinators how to perform their duties in a manner

required by Navy, federal and state regulations.

The review class is for hazardous waste coordinators who have successfully completed the NAVSUPACT Mid-South Hazardous Waste Facility Operator's Course within the last 12 months.

Nominations for both courses, listing name, grade, office phone number and type of hazardous waste handled, should be forwarded to Public Works Department, Environmental Division (ATTN: Danny Chumney) in building 455. In addition, for the Review Seminar, the date the basic course was completed should be included.

Nominations to either class must be submitted no later than Aug. 17.

These snappy salsas are hot, hot, hot for great summer fun

By Pam Branch

Salsa Verde

2-3 medium tomatoes, diced
1/2 cup chopped Spanish onion
1/4 cup minced fresh cilantro or parsley
2 jalapeno peppers, seeded and minced
2 teaspoons lime juice
1/2 teaspoon salt

Combine all ingredients. Cover and chill. Serve with tortilla chips, seafood or chicken.

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Pepper Salsa

1/4 cup white vinegar
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 teaspoons sugar
1/4 teaspoon each: salt, pepper
1 medium sweet red pepper, diced
1 medium sweet green pepper, diced
1 medium sweet yellow pepper, diced
2 tablespoons chopped parsley

Combine vinegar, oil, sugar, salt and pepper in a small saucepan; bring to a boil, stirring until sugar dissolves. Remove from heat. Combine peppers and parsley in glass bowl; add hot vinegar mixture and stir gently. Cool. Cover and chill. Serve with pork.

Avocado Salsa

1/3 cup white wine vinegar
1 tablespoon honey
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 small onion, chopped
1 (4-ounce) can chopped green chiles, undrained
1 large clove garlic, minced
2 avocados, peeled and diced

Combine everything but avocados. Stir well. Cover and chill. Just before serving, add avocados and toss gently. Serve with tortilla chips, chicken or seafood.

Corn Salsa

5 ears fresh yellow corn
1 medium tomato, diced
1 small jalapeno pepper, seeded and minced
1 clove garlic, crushed
1 (4-ounce) can chopped chiles, undrained
1/4 cup sliced green onions
2 tablespoons each: olive oil, white vinegar
1/2 teaspoon salt

Remove husks and silks from corn. Place corn in boiling water to cover; return water to a boil; cook four minutes. Drain and immediately cover corn in ice water. Drain corn and cut

from cob. Combine corn and remaining ingredients, stirring gently; cover and chill. Serve with chicken or pork.

Tomato Salsa

5 medium tomatoes, diced
1/3 cup tomato sauce
1/4 cup finely chopped onion
3 gloves garlic, minced
1-2 small jalapeno peppers, seeded and minced
2 tablespoons each: minced fresh cilantro or parsley, lime juice
1 tablespoon minced fresh oregano or 1 teaspoon dried whole oregano
1 teaspoon salt
Combine all ingredients and stir gently; cover and chill. Serve with tortilla chips, fish or chicken.

Garden Salsa

1/4 pound fresh green beans
2 ears fresh corn
3 medium tomatoes, diced
1/4 cup each: olive oil, diced green pepper, diced onion
2 tablespoons minced fresh basil or 2 teaspoons dried whole basil
1 tablespoon lime juice
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
2 cloves garlic, minced
Wash beans and remove strings. Remove husks and silks from corn. Place beans and corn in boiling water to cover; return water to a boil and cook four minutes. Drain and immediately cover with ice water. Let stand until cool; drain. Cut corn from cob and cut beans into 1/4-inch pieces. Combine all ingredients, stirring gently; cover and chill. Serve with tortilla chips, fish, or chicken.

Mango Salsa

1-1/2 cups chopped mango
1 small clove garlic, crushed
1/2 small jalapeno pepper, seeded and minced
1-1/2 teaspoons chopped fresh parsley or cilantro
1/4 cup each: sugar, sliced green onions, white vinegar
2 tablespoons lime juice
Combine first four ingredients in bowl and set aside. Combine remaining ingredients in a saucepan; bring to a boil, stirring until sugar dissolves. Pour hot mixture over mango mixture, stirring gently; cover and chill. Serve with pork.

Chile Salsa

2 cups chopped tomatoes
1/2 cup finely chopped onion
1/3 cup chopped green pepper
1 (4-ounce) can chopped green chiles, drained
1 tablespoon chopped seeded jalapeno pepper
1/2-1 teaspoon hot sauce
1/8 teaspoon each: garlic powder, seasoning salt

Combine all ingredients, stirring gently. Cover and chill at least two hours. Serve with tortilla chips, fish or chicken.

Product Safety News

Search around--have you got these recalled items?

Gail Evans Consolidated Safety Office

During April, the Consumer Product Safety Commission announced the following recalls. This information is provided to alert families of dangers from consumer products. If you find that you have any of these items, you can contact Gail Evans of the Consolidated Safety Office at 874-5506 to inquire about the specific hazard and any action needed to correct the problem.

Manufacturers	Items
Healthtex Sta-Rite Industries, Inc. battery charger Graco Children's Prods. Proctor Silex, Inc. John Deere Consumer Products, Inc. Amer. Honda Motor Co. Kmart Corp.	Healthtex and Little Impressions infant wear "Floater" and "Sears" back-up sump pump Infant swing safety restraint Toaster Homelite handheld power blowers/vacuums Harmony II walk-behind mower "Little Ones" lamps (airplane, alphabet, numbers, baseball with bat, train, and sailboat) "3-in-1" Cradle swing Bounce 'n' Play Activity Domes Arcadia electronic skeet shoot game
Fisher-Price Fisher-Price Toymax, Inc. Boston Warehouse Trading Corp. Coast Electronics Supply Bissell Homecare, Inc. Bissell Homecare, Inc. Standard Mattress Co.	AC converters PowerClean upright vacuum cleaner PureAir upright vacuum cleaner Gold Bond, IKEA, and Verlo futons

On April 14, Evenflo Company Inc. announced the recall of certain Evenflo On My Way® Position Right™ infant car seats, manufactured before Feb. 10, 2000. After repeated use, two alignment posts in the base can become bent. If this happens, you may have difficulty installing the carrier onto the base. Bent posts could also interfere with proper latching of the carrier to the base, preventing the child from being properly restrained. The recall affects the "convenience base" of the seat only. Model numbers of the affected seats begin with 200 and 211; or 447 and 499 when sold with a stroller; and 639 on the bases that were sold separately. The bases have the words "Position Right" on them and also have a large, red knob used for adjusting the angle of the base when installed in the vehicle. These bases may have been sold individually, together with an On My Way® Position Right™ car seat, or in an Easy Comfort Premier™ or Trendsetter Advantage™ travel system (with a car seat and matching stroller). Position Right™ bases manufactured after Feb. 10, 2000 have already been revised by Evenflo, and do not require the kit. Evenflo will provide a free repair kit that prevents the posts in the base from bending. The kit includes instructions and metal clips that slip over the alignment posts. The clips are easy to install and it only takes a few minutes. Consumers that may have the affected seats should call Evenflo at 1-800-316-4779 to receive a free repair kit.

On April 26, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration published the recall of Basic Comfort Galaxy 2000 Booster Seat Model 960 and 961, with back, manufactured between November 25, 1998 and January 31, 1999. These seats were improperly manufactured with defective backs and cushions that are weaker in strength. In the event of a vehicle crash, the child seat backs and cushions can completely separate.

rate. These seats do not meet the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 213, "Child Restraint Systems." Consumers will be sent free replacement parts and installation instructions. If you have questions concerning the recall, contact Basic Comfort at 1-800-640-8469.

On April 27, Kolcraft Enterprises announced the recall of certain "Corner Suite" 3-sided play yards because the arm locks may break when folding the crib for storage. If one of the arms breaks it would be impossible to correctly set up the play yard. Kolcraft is offering owners a free replacement frame that has a new, redesigned arm lock. The recall affects play yards that were manufactured prior to September 1999 and sold under the Kolcraft and Carter's brand names nationwide. Each affected play yard has a seven or eight-digit model number attached to a white sticker on one of the legs of the unit, as well as the manufacture date. The affected model numbers begin with 181 and end with letters. Kolcraft is conducting this customer satisfaction recall to prevent any safety issues from developing. Kolcraft recommends that owners do not use the product until the frame has been replaced. Consumers should call Kolcraft, toll-free, at 877-871-4583 to determine if their play yard is affected by the recall and to receive a free replacement frame.

On April 28, Avon, in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, announced a voluntary recall of the Easter egg sold with the Fisher-Price Pooh Easter Egg Friends toys. Although the product is age-labeled for children over three, the eggs may present a suffocation hazard to children under three years of age and are being recalled as a precaution. The toys consist of a plastic Easter egg roughly 2.5 inches in diameter that opens, revealing a small stuffed Pooh, Eeyore or Tigger character, and some stickers. There have been no reported injuries involving the Pooh Easter Egg Friends toys. Avon distributed about 105,000 Easter Egg Friends toys in January, February and March of this year. The recalled Pooh Easter Egg Friends eggs are included with Fisher-Price model numbers 25820 (Pooh), 25824 (Tigger) and 25825 (Eeyore). The corresponding Avon model numbers are 276-140 (Pooh), 276-154 (Tigger) and 276-169 (Eeyore). Consumers should stop using the plastic Easter egg and return them to the Avon sales representative from whom they were purchased. The Avon representative will refund the full purchase price of the product. There is no need for consumers to return the stuffed character or stickers. For further information, call 1-800-FOR-AVON.

In addition to the above recalls, the following vehicle recalls were published by Safe-T-Net:

Year	Make
1999	Chevrolet Tahoe, GMC Yukon, and Cadillac Escalades
1995 & 1996	Nissan Sentra
1999-2000	Honda Odyssey
2000	BMW 323i, 328i, 528i, 540i, 540iT, M5, 740i, 740iL, and 50L
1999	Buell S3 Thunderbolt
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2000	Chrysler Concorde, 300M, LHS, and Dodge Intrepid
1999-2000	Chrysler Concorde, 300M, LHS, Jeep Grand Cherokee and Dodge Intrepid
1998-1999	Oldsmobile Intrigue
2000	Chevrolet S10, Silverado, GMC Sonoma, and Sierra Trucks
1999-2000	Land Rover Discovery II
1999	Mazda Miata
1993	Volkswagen Eurovans

Promotions, awards, re-enlistments



Hospital Corpsman Second Class (Fleet Marine Force) John L. Tyrrell (center), order writer, Medical Assignment/Placement Branch, re-enlisted for two years recently during a ceremony at the Whitten Building. Lieutenant Commander Gail L. Hathaway, Medical Service Corps Detailer, served as the re-enlisting officer for the seven-year veteran.



Chief Hospital Corpsman (Aviation Warfare) Clarence Hale, of Navy Recruiting Command's Medical Programs division, re-enlisted recently in a ceremony held on the command's quarterdeck. Lieutenant Roger House served as re-enlisting officer. Hale simply reminded the junior Sailors present to "keep striving" for success.



Rear Admiral James B. Hinkle (left), commander, Navy Personnel Command, presented a check for \$10,000 to Lieutenant Vic Garcia (center), Mid-South Regional Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society Fund Drive coordinator, and Jim Robinson (right), manager, N-MCRS Mid-South, June 2, on behalf of NPC. NPC, through cash donations and allotments, contributed more than \$36,000, 159 percent of the goal amount, to NMCRS.

Builder First Class Brian R. Booth (right) receives a Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal (gold star in lieu of third award) from Captain Diane L.H. Lofink, commanding officer, Naval Support Activity Mid-South. Booth received the award for his duties while serving as facilities construction crew chief, Facilities Department, Marine Corps Station Iwakuni, Japan, 1997-2000. He supervised three major construction projects there. He is now assigned to the Seabees with the Public Works Department as a builder.



Wayne Smith photo



Commander Steve Posey (center), head, Officer Performance Branch, was promoted to his present rank during a ceremony in Rear Admiral Hinkle's office in June. Posey's family attended the ceremony, and are pictured with him here. They are his mother, Ursula (left), wife, Tamara (right), and son, Matthew (front).

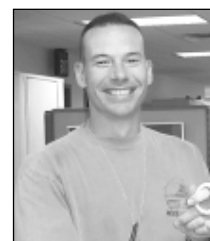
Give 'em the Pickle!



Lieutenant Commander Bob Rupp, PERS-4411A: For providing exceptional customer service to an external customer by taking swift action to ensure a junior officer would be located where he could find critical specialized medical care for his newborn child.



Laurie Lee Gschwend, PERS-01S: For consistently providing help to internal customers of NPC, both within her department and outside of her department. She always works with a smile and a positive attitude, and is more than willing to go above and beyond her duties to ensure that anyone with a problem is taken care of. Also, she was awarded the Department of the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award, so if you see her, please offer your congratulations.



Lieutenant Commander Markus Hannan, PERS-444F: Recognized by external customers for his outstanding support and customer service. He always goes the "extra mile" to ensure superior personnel support to the fleet and is a "model of respectful and responsive customer service."



Karen Fritz, PERS-659B2: For her outstanding customer service and support she provided while in Japan training facilities for the MWR Star Service program. She not only provided exceptional customer service training, but also helped solve many other issues involved with the program. The Sasebo MWR director stated, "Karen was great. A gem!"



Basil Coleman, PERS-622D: For taking his own personal time away from work to help out a retiree who resides in Saudi Arabia who was having difficulty obtaining some required paperwork for DFAS. His outstanding support ensured the retiree's problem was taken care of in a timely manner.



Chuck Singletary, PERS-02123: For providing tremendous support for internal customers of NPC. He routinely helps out his co-workers whenever he observes them with a heavy workload or an approaching deadline; and never has to be asked—he just offers his assistance.



Rear Admiral James B. Hinkle, commander, Navy Personnel Command, presents the OMNAVPERSCOM Golf Championship trophy to **Rear Admiral Hamlin B. Tallent**, assistant commander, Navy Personnel Command for Distribution, in recognition of the Distribution Department's win in the golf tournament.